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SUBJ: APRIL 6, THE 96TH DAY OF THE OFFENSIVE

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1. SUMMARY. PRESSURE INCREASED ON THE 3RD DIVISION WEST AND SOUTHWEST OF PHNOM PENH FORCING THE WITHDRAWAL OF ONE POSITION. ACTION WAS HEAVY ALL ALONG THE NORTHERN DIKE WITH WIDESPREAD ATTACKS AND ATTACKS BY FIRE OVERNIGHT. YESTERDAY THE 28TH BRIGADE KILLED 45 KC IN ONE ENGAGEMENT. KOMPONE SPEU REPORTS ATTACKS FROM THE EAST. THE STRONG POINT AT THNAL TOTUNG JUST WEST OF ANG SNUOLL ON ROUTE 4 WITHDREW. PREY VENG LOST ONE POST ON ITS SOUTHERN PERIMETER. ROCKET FIRE DECLINED AS POCHENTONG TOOK ONLY 23 ROCKETS AND ONE 105MM HOWITZER ROUND IN DAYLIGHT HOURS TODAY. ONE ROCKET HIT IN PHNOM PENH. END SUMMARY.

2. INCREASING PRESSURE ON THE THIRD DIVISION WEST AND SOUTHWEST OF PHNOM PENH CAUSED THE DIVISION COMMANDER
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TO ORDER HIS WESTERNMOST BATTALION TO WITHDRAW EAST

TO A NEW DEFENSIVE LINE. SOUTHEAST OF THE CITY A KC
ATTACK CAUSED 13 FANK CASUALTIES AND DAMAGED ONE M-113
ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER. THE POST HELD.

3. ATTACKS AND ATTACKS BY FIRE WERE WIDESPREAD
THROUGHOUT THE NORTHERN DIKE AND SEVENTH DIVISION AREA
NORTHWEST OF THE CAPITAL LAST NIGHT. YESTERDAY THE
28TH BRIGADE KILLED 45 KC AND SEIZED A NUMBER OF
WEAPONS IN CLEARING OPERATIONS ON THE WESTERN EDGE OF
THE DIKE. AT PHUM THOM ON ROUTE 51, THE 38TH BRIGADE
KILLED 18 ATTACKING KC TAKING A SMALL NUMBER OF WEAPONS.
THE FORMER SEVENTH DIVISION COMMANDER, BRIG GEN DENG
LAYOM WILL REPORTEDLY BE NAMED OVERALL COMMANDER FOR
THE NORTHWEST DEFENSE APRIL 7.

4. KOMPONG SPEU CITY IS UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FROM THE
EAST. AN AIRDROP PLANNED FOR APRIL 7 WILL SUPPLY NEEDED
RICE AND AMMUNITION. FURTHER EAST ALONG ROUTE 4 TOWARD
PHNOM PENH, THE STRONGPOINT AT THNAL TOTUNG WITHDREW.

THE KC NOW CONTROL A STRETCH OF THE HIGHWAY FROM JUST
EAST OF KOMPONG SPEU TO ANG SNUOL.

5. PREY VENG HAD TWO HEAVY ATTACKS LAST NIGHT. THE
KC HIT BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH ON THE TOWN'S PERIMETER AND
FORCED A POST ON THE SOUTHERN SECTOR TO RETREAT.

6. AN AC-47 GUNSHIP CRASHED NEAR ANG SNOUL KILLING ALL
SEVEN IN THE CREW. KAF HAS LOST 9 AIRCRAFT DESTROYED
SINCE JAN. 1 (THREE BY ROCKETS). FORTY-NINE AIRCRAFT
HAVE TAKEN ROCKET DAMAGE SINCE MARCH 15. DESPITE THE
LOW IN COMMISSION RATE, T-28'S FLEW 53 SORTIES YESTERDAY.

7. TWENTY-THREE ROCKETS AND ONE 105MM HOWITZER ROUND
HIT THE AIRPORT DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS TODAY. ONE ROCKET
EXPLODED IN PHNOM PENH.
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